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REMARKS

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[redacted] 1. About 130 tanks, belonging to units stationed in FRANKFURT/Oder and returning from maneuvers in the LIEBEROSE-JANLITZ (O 52/A 59) area, arrived in FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63) between 2 and 5 November 1949.
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[redacted] 2. The following observations were made in FRANKFURT/Oder on 17 and 18 November 1949:
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a. Kaserne on August-Bebelstrasse:

Occupied by a tank unit. Thirty-seven T 34 tanks arrived at the kaserne on 4 November 1949.

b. Hindenburg Kaserne on August-Bebelstrasse:

Occupied to capacity by tank and artillery units.

c. Former Heeres-Leugamt (German ordnance depot) on Birnbaumsmuehlenweg:

Transient billets for personnel on leave. Observed soldiers wore insignia of several branches of service. Three about 330 feet long buildings with unusually large doors were being constructed in the kaserne area. One building was completed.

d. Buelow (Nachrichten) Kaserne on Fuerstenwalderpoststrasse:

Occupied to capacity by troops, including some wearing the tank insignia. Ten mortars of about 150 mm caliber were seen behind the garages.

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25X1 (1) Truck [] left the kaserne. Local residents said that 30 to 40 tanks had moved to the kaserne on 10 November 1949.

e. Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse:

Occupied to capacity by artillery units. Twenty-one medium and four light AA guns were seen on an open field behind the kaserne.

f. Horn Kaserne on Nuhnenstrasse:

Occupied to capacity by tank and artillery units.

25X1 (1) Truck [] left the kaserne. About 100 tanks, coming from the LIEBROSE area moved toward the kaserne on 8 November 1949.

g. Eichhorn kaserne on Luellroser Landstrasse:

25X1 Occupied to capacity by a unit of unidentified branch of service. Gate guards wore light-red epaulets.

[] 3. The following observations were made in FRANKFURT/Oder in mid-December 1949:

a. Eichhornkaserne on Luellroser-Landstrasse:

(1) NE kaserne section: Transient billets for soldiers. Many troops going on, or returning from, leave were seen during the last weeks.

(2) SE kaserne section: Occupied by an infantry unit of about 600 men, mostly recruits, wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Lt Col RUDICH was identified as commanding officer. Trucks

25X1 [] were observed.

b. Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse:

Occupied by tank and artillery units totaling about 600 troops. Five heavy tanks, nine 120-mm mortars, twenty-five 37-mm AA guns, twenty-four 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brakes, three 76.2-mm guns with muzzle brake, one armored reconnaissance car and trucks

25X1 [] were seen in the kaserne area.

c. Horn Kaserne on Friedrich-Ebertstrasse:

Occupied by tank and transport units totaling about 600 troops. Twenty-two T 34-and JS tanks, ten light armored reconnaissance cars and passenger car [] were seen in the kaserne area. The units had returned from maneuvers on 2 November 1949.

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d. Hindenburg kaserne on August-Bebelstrasse:

Occupied by a tank unit of about 500 troops. Three tanks were seen in the kaserne area.

e. Artillerie kaserne on August-Bebelstrasse:

25X1 Occupied to capacity by an AAA unit of about 1,500 troops, mostly

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18 to 20-year-old recruits, White Russians for the greater part.

(1) About forty 76.2-mm AA guns and four heavy machine guns were seen. Eighteen 37-mm AA guns, previously stationed in the kaserne, were no longer observed.

(2) Troops held laying practice with five guns in the kaserne area. A group of 50 to 60 soldiers was instructed with a gun of about 100 mm caliber.

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f. Buelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalderpoststrasse:

Occupied to capacity by tank and artillery units totaling about 600 troops.

(1) Six 76.2-mm AT guns and five 120-mm mortars were observed.

(2) Six heavy and four light armored reconnaissance cars, previously stationed in the kaserne, were not observed.

(3) The following motor vehicles were seen:

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truck
passenger car, occupied by tank officer
passenger car
truck
truck
truck.

g. Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaummuehlen-Schubertstrasse:
Lightly occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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(1) Four armored reconnaissance cars were seen in a garage for the first time. Trucks [redacted] were observed.

h. Kommandatura in the former Arbeitsamt (labor office):

Kommandatura unit of about 100 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Passenger car [redacted]

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Comment:

a. The report confirms the return to FRANKFURT/oder of component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) from LIEBEROSE in early November 1949.

b. It is believed that the 288th AAA Regt (Cadre)/7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) is stationed in the Liethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse and component units of the ? No AAA Div (Cadre?)/Farth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) in the Artillerie Kaserne on August-Bebelstrasse [redacted]

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